BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 91-024-W - ORDER NO. 91-229

APRIL 1. 1991

IN RE: Application of AAA Utilities, Inc. requesting) ORDER an extension of its service area to include) APPROVING customers in Willow Ridge Subdivision located) EXTENSION OF in Lexington County, South Carolina.) SERVICE AREA

By application filed January 11, 1991 with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission), AAA Utilities, Inc. (the Company) seeks approval of an extension of its service area to provide water service to customers in Willow Ridge Subdivision, located in Lexington County, South Carolina. The application was filed pursuant to <u>S. C. Code Ann.</u>, Sec. 58-5-240 (1976), as amended, and R. 103-821 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The Company is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina with powers to engage in the business of, inter alia, acquiring, building and/or operating water and/or wastewater utility systems, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission pursuant to S. C. Code Ann., Sec. 58-5-10 et. seq. (1976). The Company was previously granted certificated service areas, and rates and charges for water services have been heretofore approved by this Commission.

The Company, in its application, asserts that it will furnish adequate service for the additional service area. The Company's application was accompanied by service area maps reflecting the proposed extension to its previously certificated area. A request was made for a waiver of the required public hearing. As no opposition to the extension was received by the Commission after proper notification was given to all affected customers, the Commission approved the request and waived the public hearing.

Upon thorough review of the matters contained in the application, and all matters relative thereto, the Commission is of the opinion, and so finds, that the relief requested therein by the Company should be granted. The Commission finds that the water service to be made available to the customers in Willow Ridge Subdivision in Lexington, South Carolina should not impair the ability of the Company to continue to provide service in its existing service area in a manner consistent with the Rules and Regulations of this Commission and applicable laws of this State. The Commission further finds that the proposed extension does not interfere with the service of any other jurisdictional utility, and that the rates and charges previously approved for the Company are just and reasonable and, as such, should be approved for the extended service area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- That the application of AAA Utilities, Inc. to extend its previously authorized service area, be and hereby is, approved.
- 2. That the service area previously authorized for AAA Utilities, Inc. be and hereby is, extended to include customers in Willow Ridge Subdivision, Lexington County, South Carolina as reflected in the service area maps submitted with the application.
- 3. That the schedule of rates and charges previously approved for the Company in Docket No. 86-100-W Order No. 86-1237 issued December 3, 1986, be, and hereby is, approved for the area approved herein effective for service rendered on or after the date of this Order.
- 4. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ATTEST:

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Executive Director

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